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Sir:

This response supplements the Proposed Amendment and Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on July 19, 1999. Applicants wish to inform the examiner of a related application, U.S. Serial No: 08/875,927 directed to a method of inhibiting muscle protein proteolysis comprising administering an antibody to an IL-6 receptor, wherein the binding inhibits proteolytic enzymes that promote muscle protein proteolysis.

Respectfully submitted,

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